

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-4, 6, 12, 13, 15, 17, and 18 are pending in the subject application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 5, 7-11, 16, 19, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in view of the Restriction Requirement. Although claims 12 and 13 are withdrawn, rejoinder comments are presented below. Since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance and do not require further searching, entry is respectfully requested. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Allowance of Claims 1-4, 6, 15, 17, and 18

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-4, 6, 15, 17, and 18 are allowed except for the formal matters is noted with appreciation.

Claim Amendments

The Office action requests Applicants to limit the subject matter of claims 1-4, 6, 15, 17, and 18 to the elected subject matter of Group I and elected species and closely related subject matter.

The Examiner's comments are appreciated and the claims have been amended to comport with the Examiner's indication. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to

recite "A₁, A₂, A₃ and A₄ each represent a carbon atom; R₁ and R₂ each represent a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted C1-C4 alkylcarbonyl group; G₁ and G₂ each represent an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; X, which may be identical or different each other, represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C1-C3 alkyl group or a trifluoromethyl group; n is an integer of 0 to 4; Q₁ represents an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted naphthyl group; and Q₂ represents a phenyl group having one or more substituents, at least one of the substituent being any of a C1-C4 haloalkoxy group, a C2-C6 perfluoroalkyl group, a C1-C6 perfluoroalkylthio group, a C1-C6 perfluoroalkylsulfinyl group and a C1-C6 perfluoroalkylsulfonyl group." Claims 2-4, 6, 15, 17, and 18 have been similarly amended, for example, to recite Q₁ representing an optionally substituted phenyl group or an optionally substituted naphthyl group and Q₂ representing a phenyl group having one or more substituents.

By the amendments, the claims define the elected subject matter of Group I and elected species and closely related subject matter. Hence, it is respectfully requested the informality objection be waived.

Rejoinder

During prosecution, the claims were subjected to the restriction requirement by the Office action dated September 7, 2010.

MPEP 821.04(a) specifies that, where restriction was required between independent or distinct products, or between independent or distinct processes, and all claims directed to an elected invention are allowable, any restriction requirement between the elected invention and any nonelected invention that depends from or

otherwise requires all the limitations of an allowable claim should be withdrawn.

Claims 12 and 13 depend upon allowed claim 1. Per MPEP §821.04, rejoinder of nonelected claims 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. PRZ-33635.

Respectfully submitted,

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